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ASSEMBLIES USING SAME**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2006, and Office  
Action of 03/27/2007, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please substitute the following amended paragraph [0039] for the corresponding  
pending paragraph [0039] in the Specification as published (Publ. No.  
2004/0198146):*

**[0039]** As shown in FIG. 2 flat member 51 has a generally rectangular  
convoluted perimeter 53 consisting of a first end 52, an opposite second end 54,  
a first side edge 56, and a second and opposite side edge 58. The perimeter 53  
as clearly shown in FIGS. 2, 3A, 3B and 10 defines a V-shaped notch 61 on the  
first end 52 and a trough-shaped 64 on the second end 54 opposite the V-  
shaped notch 61. Additionally, the flat member 51 includes a balloon neck-  
receiving aperture 60 that as clearly shown in FIGS. 2, 3A and 5 is spaced from  
the perimeter 53 and separate from the V-shaped notch 61, and a balloon neck  
passage means 63 comprising the V-shaped notch 61 and a slot 62 or slit 162 for  
communicating the V-shaped notch 61 with the balloon neck-receiving aperture  
60. The balloon neck-receiving aperture 60 may be any shape and size that is